

Sat. July 12, 1955

Dear Bertha + Buddy

It's ~~terribly~~ warm here, don't feel like doing much of anything, but do want to get a note to you, so perhaps I'll get my mind off the heat and get a letter or two written.

Well, I'm very proud and happy that Al has graduated and has his degree. Olaf, Berenly and I were down at Bloomington for two days, as Sunday they had a lovely tea and reception for all the seniors & their families in the afternoon. It was given by the College President, was a very lovely affair, then Sunday evening the Baccalaureate Service. Monday morning the graduation and then a gathering at Al's fraternity house. Berenly really enjoyed all the events so much

He looked so nice in his cap & gown and I had a hard time keeping the tears from my eyes & the lump in from my throat many times during the different affairs & especially at graduation if his dad could have only been with me to see him. I hope he knows, we both have carried out his wish, he did so want him to finish college. Now if I can only see Beverly through the same I'll feel I've done my job.

Took some pictures and will have some finished for you in his cap & gown.

He likes the Tie-Clasp you sent him. He really was very surprised the way all the relatives and friends here and in Colo. remembered him. I ask him if he wasn't proud of himself and he answered very dry, just glad I'm through with all the heavy studying. Ha.

He started his job June 30th. at Bloomington, he thinks it going to be a fine opportunity for him.

and the salary is very attractive, so he ~~is hoping~~ he is living at The Fraternity house there now & is hoping he can when school starts in the fall but that remains to be seen. I am sort of disappointed in him not accepting the job here in Chicago with Swift & Co. in their laboratory then he could live at home, but he thinks the other job the best at present and wanted to try it, so I decided I must let him make his own decisions and not stand in his way.

Beverly is working at the office with me this summer, started day after we returned from Al's graduation and has picked up the work very quickly and is just doing fine. She works 5 days a week 9-5:30, so we go together each morning. She gets a dollar an hour so she feels she is a wealthy woman. She is banking her money for clothes & etc. for school. She really does enjoy it and it makes

it so nice having her with me, we go out to lunch together and another thing I know where she is, and not have to worry, youngsters get very restless and the days get long for them.

She is very happy as she was picked from Evanston Highschool to represent her school on the fashion board here in this large Dept. Store in Evanston. They meet once a month to discuss fashions with the buyers for the highschool clothes and model in style shows & are paid \$3.00 each. meeting. One girl is picked from 7 other highschools ^{from} all the towns around Evanston. They have each girls picture taken and a very large one made 36 x 36 hanging on the wall in the N.S. section, their name & school under the picture. Beverly turned out very well. She is still at a loss to know who put her name up, as she was notified to call & had to model. They judged many many girls, for build, size, looks ^{posture} etc. She never ever thought she would be picked and two weeks later when they notified her she

was so happy she almost cried. The
week the pictures were put up she
had more compliments, seems everyone
sees & notes all the pictures, so Al
had to go & see it when he was
home, which made Ber. feel very good.
he has matured a great deal to me
this past year and seems to feel his
responsibilities towards Ber & I by things
he says & does. Beverly is very popular
at school with girls & boys so she has
lots of dates, but she is very particular
who she dates & etc and tells me
all about them, so I hope we will
always be very close.

Beverly & I plan to go to Colo. last
3 weeks in August. so are looking
forward to seeing all our friends again.

My me were rushed to death at
the office ~~due~~ account to Rep Convention.
so am glad its over altho sorry I
didn't make it. Really everybody is
so dissatisfied and afraid of the
outcome in Nov. Its a shame.

Well I've almost written a book,
guess I had better call a halt.

Hope this finds you both feeling
good and not suffering too much
from all this heat.

Had intended to write you & Jim
but have told you all the news
would be useless, so I'll tell them
hello & let them read this, and
next time I'll write them.

Tell Nancy hello.

Please excuse my writing and
try & write when you can.

Our love to you all
from me 3

Vernon